

Here is the latest Faringdon neighbourhood update from PCSO Kerry Davis.

Priorities

We have seen a significant increase in hare coursing over the last few weeks. The team have been working hard to combat this by, increasing rural patrols, liaising with land owners, and carrying out rural operations with our policing colleagues from other areas. This has led to the disruption, and furthermore, successful seizure of several vehicles that had been abandoned by hare coursers who were attempting to evade capture. On 1st September, a vehicle was left by offenders in an anti-poaching ditch in Stanford in the Vale.



Sgt Hickman with a seized vehicle that was abandoned after being caught in an anti-poaching ditch.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

Sadly, we have received complaints of ASB in and around Pye Street Park in Faringdon. The park is there to be enjoyed by the community, and should be seen as a happy, safe place for parents to take their young children to play. Unfortunately, this is being ruined by a minority of young people that gather, shouting, and using abusive language towards other park users. This will not be tolerated. Anyone found to be acting in this manner will be dealt with by police. Please remember to call us regarding ASB as soon as possible using 101 or 999 if a crime is being committed.

Offenders brought to justice

Simon Parker, aged 26 from Hampshire, was convicted of seven counts of beauty spot thefts from vehicles. The locations included lay-bys and car parks in White Horse Hill, Blowing Stone Hill, Chain Hill, Sparsholt Firs and Cholsey. Parker was issued with a criminal behaviour order which will be in place for five years and prohibit him from entering any car park owned, opened or leased by the National Trust with Oxfordshire or touching or entering any unattended vehicle without the permission of the owner. He was also sentenced to 200 hours of unpaid work and to pay compensation to the victims.

What the neighbourhood team have been doing

It was a busy weekend for PCSO Alex Hill and PCSO Esme Brown on the 26th/27th August. Their Saturday was spent patrolling the White Horse Show in Uffington, chatting with the high number of visitors, and ensuring that everyone had a nice day. On Sunday, another community event was the Shrivenham Fete. Again, another popular community event that was enjoyed by many. As you can see, Alex and Esme had a pretty spectacular view of Shrivenham, (and beyond)!



PCSOs Brown and Hill at the Shrivvenham Fete

On 31st August, reports came through from our colleagues in South Oxfordshire, of three males breaking into a vehicle in Burford. Two of the males had made off from the scene and were very possibly heading to our area. Our very own eagle eyed PC Rob Maris used his vast local knowledge, spotted the vehicle, and was able to follow, intercept, and arrest the two males within the vehicle on the A420 Faringdon. Fantastic work by PC Maris.

Contact us

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non-emergency number 101 or if it is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. Please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. To view information on your neighbourhood team visit the Thames Valley Police website at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk. Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by registering at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk today. This allows anyone who signs up to choose what updates they receive and how they would like to receive it. The Thames Valley Police Twitter account is kept up to date with what we are up to; please follow us @TVPSouthandVale 